



County of Los Angeles
Sheriff's Department Headquarters
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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

October 16, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 2007 FORENSIC DNA BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM
AND APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
(ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff, as an agent for the Los Angeles County, to sign and accept a grant award in the amount of \$1,153,158 from the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ), for the purposes of improving Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) analysis capacity and the infrastructure of the existing crime laboratory.
2. Authorize the Sheriff to execute all future amendments, modifications, extensions, and/or augmentations to said grant, should such action(s) be required during the term of the grant.
3. Approve an appropriation adjustment to increase the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (Department) General Support Services Budget Unit in the amount of \$1,153,000 (Services & Supplies - \$646,000, Fixed Assets - \$354,000, and Salaries and Employee Benefits - \$153,000), for Fiscal Year (FY) 2007-08, to be offset by grant funding.

A Tradition of Service

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On June 21, 2007, the Department submitted an application in response to the 2007 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant solicitation. Upon review of the Department's application, the NIJ has selected the Department to be a recipient of the 2007 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program grant award. As a recipient of this award, the Department will receive \$1,153,158 with no local match required. This is the fourth year the Department has received funding under this program. On October 3, 2006, your Board authorized the Sheriff to accept \$658,315 and \$180,000 for the 2006 DNA Capacity Enhancement and 2006 DNA Backlog Reduction Programs respectively.

The objective of the 2007 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program is to assist awarded agencies and/or jurisdictions with improving their DNA analysis capacity and improving their existing crime laboratory infrastructure. In order to successfully achieve the objectives of the 2007 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program, the Department will use the grant funds for overtime to work DNA cases that are backlogged, to purchase supplies, outsource some DNA cases, provide training classes for personnel, and purchase equipment to aid in the timely processing of DNA cases for the Department's Scientific Services Bureau (SSB). Realization of these goals and objectives will also ensure that the Department continues to successfully meet its accreditation requirements with respect to the Crime Lab.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The 2007 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program supports four (4) goals within the County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan Goals. With the support of this funding source, the Department will realize the achievement of Goal 1: Service Excellence; Goal 2: Workforce Excellence; Goal 3: Organizational Effectiveness; and Goal 4: Fiscal Responsibility. With the grant funds being directed toward assisting the Department in improving the operation of the SSB, the Department will be given the opportunity to complete its mission more effectively and efficiently, as well as maintain the safety and security of the residents of Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The appropriation adjustment to increase the Department's General Support Services Budget Unit in the amount of \$1,153,000 for FY 2007-08, will be fully offset by grant funds.

The term of the 2007 Forensic Casework DNA Program is for a period of 12 months, from October 1, 2007, to September 30, 2008. Under this program, the NIJ will provide \$1,153,158 funding to the Department. Under this program, the County is not required to contribute any matching funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This Board letter and award documents have been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

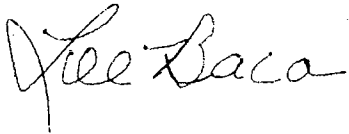
The program may create workload increases for the County's justice departments, including the District Attorney, Public Defender, and the Alternate Public Defender as suspects are identified from offender databases and subsequently charged with a crime. The Department has made contact with each of the County justice departments and only the Public Defender's office has indicated that the program will impact their services due to their current resources being insufficient to handle current DNA cases.

This grant funding will have a positive impact on current services by improving the existing infrastructure of the Department's Crime Lab, thereby enhancing the capacity to analyze DNA.

CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return four (4) individually certified copies of the Board-adopted letter to the Sheriff's Department's Grants Unit. The Sheriff's Department's contacts for the requested Board action are Peter Zavala, Grants Unit Manager, (323) 526-5212 and Abby Valdez, Grants Coordinator, (323) 526-5705.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leroy D. Baca". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S
NO. 770

DEPARTMENT OF SHERIFF

Sep 18 2007

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

-- 4 VOTES --

FISCAL YEAR 2007/08

SOURCES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - GENERAL SUPPORT
A01-SH-90-9001-15681-15687
FEDERAL OTHERS \$1,153,000
INCREASE REVENUE

USES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - GENERAL SUPPORT
A01-SH-1000-15681-15687
SALARIES & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS \$153,000
INCREASE APPROPRIATION

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - GENERAL SUPPORT
A01-SH-2000-15681-15687
SERVICES AND SUPPLIES \$646,000
INCREASE APPROPRIATION

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - GENERAL SUPPORT
A01-SH-6030-15681-15687
FIXED ASSETS - EQUIPMENT \$354,000
INCREASE APPROPRIATION

JUSTIFICATION: Grant award from the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) for the FY 2007/08 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program for the purpose of improving DNA analysis capacity and the infrastructure of the existing Crime Laboratory.

Conrad Meredith
Conrad Meredith, Director, Financial Programs Bureau

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

ADOPTED
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Sachi A. Hamai
SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR --

ACTION

✓ RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

AS REVISED

October 2, 2007

Jacqueline White
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

APPROVED (AS REVISED):
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

BY *Barbara Hershaw*
Sept. 21, 2007

NO. 026

BY
DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK